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FOR: CASK :

REPLY TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE

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In response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (copy attached) which was mailed on July 19, 2004, we respectfully submit that no fee, response or other document is necessary. On April 8, 2004, we timely paid the Issue Fee in reply to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee(s) Due which was mailed on February 4, 2004. As the full Issue Fee was timely paid and the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due of July 19, 2004 shows that the balance due is \$0, we respectfully maintain that no additional fee should now be required, nor is any further action on our part now required.

Respectfully submitted,

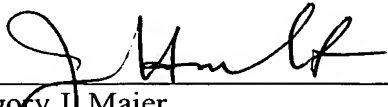
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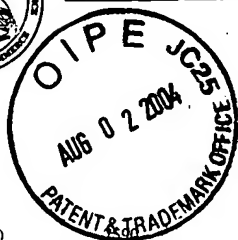
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APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$0	\$0	\$0	10/19/2004

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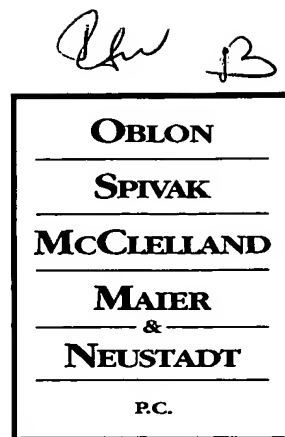
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

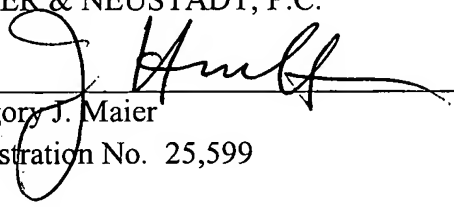
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Our check in the amount of -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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